

Budget Study group submits proposal

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Following last weeks City of Hickman Commission meeting a committee was formed and given the task to eliminate the need for a payroll tax increase. On Thursday, June 11, Heather Elder, chairman of the Alternative Budget Study committee met for two hours as they explored viable options to raise revenue for the City of Hickman. "Fourteen persons were present and three others voiced their ideas and opinions by email," noted Elder.

On Tuesday, June 16 Elder met with Hickman City Manager

Johnny McTurner submitting the group's proposal. McTurner agreed to pass it on to the Mayor and Commission.

"We will probably have a special called meeting to discuss your proposal with the public," he said. McTurner seemed receptive to some of the committee's suggestions, but also pointed out some issues he had with it, as well.

The following proposal is what has been proposed:

- Increase the current city sticker to \$15. During already

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Dispatch expenses for both cities to increase

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Fulton County Dispatch, now in its third year of operation, and run primarily by the county and providing dispatch services for the cities of Hickman and Fulton requires additional funding. "I have sent a request to both city managers seeking \$20,000 in additional funding for county dispatch," stated Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin on Monday, June 15. "We need dispatch to be more self-sustaining."

With the request to raise the funding provided by both city entities from \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year Judge Martin would also like the two cities to have more input into the operations of county dispatch.

Looking long term and seeking a way to pay off debt that the county will incur from the jail addition, Judge Martin is in search of ways to decrease expenses.

After an executive session that lasted approximately 60 minutes, the court moved to reappoint Fonda Swain as treasurer. "This is a four year appointment," added Judge Martin.

Additional appointments included Will Rice being

appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals and Jim Major reappointed to the Fulton County Levee District. David Weatherly, who is also serving on the Levee District board has asked to be replaced. Weatherly will serve until a replacement can be found. The requirement to be on the Levee District board includes residing in the district or land owner.

MaryAnne Medlock, with the West Kentucky Workforce Board discussed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Interlocal Agreement, passed last July, with the court. "The original act was passed in the 1980s and for the last year we have been studying the new act passed in July 2014," explained Medlock. Approving the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Resolution allows Fulton County to join 17 other counties to participate along with the West Kentucky Workforce Board regarding this act."

Two bids were opened for a Dodge Durango deemed county surplus property. Ricky Parnell's bid was \$401 and Lynn Busby's bid came in lower at \$361. A motion was made and approved to award the higher bid from Parnell for the vehicle.

Salmon Lane hearing postponed

The Public Hearing on the Salmon Lane (CR-1308) Discontinuance Request was postponed once again. "We are not ready for any dissolution of

this road," stated Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin. "We are in the process of having the property reviewed. We will discuss again in July."

Happy Father's Day

Watts is there, every step of the way

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Recognizing fathers has been a time honored tradition in the United States since the 20th century, complementing Mother's Day. We celebrate fatherhood and male parenting on the third Sunday of June each year.

Fathers come in all shapes, sizes, personalities, and each one brings to their family a uniqueness all their own. Every father who spends time cultivating their children for each tomorrow that they will face, deserves to be recognized.

While we can't mention them all in this feature, we are spotlighting one father in particular. He is the father of three wonderful daughters, Brigitte, Ashley, and Claire Watts. In the last year he has been involved in many activities with these three young ladies who look up to him.

His name is John Watts and he resides in Cayce, Ky., with them and his wife Misty Watts, with whom he runs a business.

Throughout the year John has helped with Girl Scouts, teaching the girls basic disaster relief tips, how to make a first aid kit and what to do in a variety of emergencies. Those emergencies include the scenario of someone trying to kidnap you, finding a friend or helping a family member who is injured.

When class parties are on the agenda at school, John is there helping out and he was

in attendance at all their award ceremonies.

John stays busy outside of the family home, as well. He helped to announce the Rotary Relay Track meet in Union City, Tenn.

When at home he likes to play board games with his girls, goes on treasure helps, flies kites and enjoys making a big breakfast. "He likes to make breakfast for dinner," said his wife Misty.

After school John is a fixture at the table during homework time. "He helps with my homework, takes me places and inspires me to do new things," said daughter Claire, 8. "This year, I even tried Brussel sprouts. I didn't like them, but I tried them."

Dad John isn't afraid to show his silly side either. "I think Daddy is awesome because he is so funny," Ashley, 15, noted about her father. "He's always there for us. We never have to worry."

Best friends with his wife, John also is a member of the Board of Directors for St. John's Community Services. "They help special needs adults," explained Misty. "He is involved for his daughter, Brigitte, 13, who is severely autistic."

Other school activities at Fulton County that John was involved with this last year include emceeing the Little Miss Pageant for the Junior Class and the Miss FCHS Pageant for the

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TIME TOGETHER - John Watts and daughters Claire, Ashley and Brigitte together for an outing.



DADDY AND HIS DAUGHTERS - Ashley, Claire, John and Brigitte Watts all smiles together.



IN THE STUDIO - Daughters Claire and Ashley Watts spend time with father, John Watts, in the studio.



PLAYING HIS PART - John Watts (center) is always willing to do his part, even if it means suiting up. Watts is show with daughters Claire Watts (left) and Ashley Watts (right).

Levee Board prepares for annual inspection

Charlotte Smith
Editor

The mowing contractor began cutting grass on the levee in preparation of the upcoming yearly inspection. "We still haven't received the official results of the 2014 inspection," stated Fulton County Levee Board President Doug Voorhees. "We also don't have a date for this year's inspection."

President Voorhees and the Commissioners discussed the

expense of spraying the ditch, another task performed in preparation of the inspection. "The whole project cost \$4,036," stated Secretary/Treasurer Jim Major. "Mayfield Creek Forestry Consultants sprayed a little farther than the last time." Major shared his apprehension of spraying every year because of the expense.

The repairs to the pump station have yet to be performed. Thompson Machinery has

ordered the parts, this expense is the responsibility of the levee board. Other needed repairs will be taken care of by the Army Corps of Engineers.

A Corps representative and Hickman City Engineer Bob Nichols surveyed the levee to locate the best place to lay pipe for a gas line from the city's hook up point to Bunge. Commissioner David Weatherly shared a

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PAUL HARRIS RECIPIENT - Yvette Murray (left), the wife of the late Bill Murray accepted a Paul Harris Fellow Certificate from the Hickman Rotary Club on Thursday, June 12. The late Bill Murray was a permanent fixture in the club for 14 years, serving as president in 2006-07. Also on hand for the presentation were John Murray, Bill's brother, and Jimmy Lane, a family friend. Rotarian Terry Narr performed the presentation honoring the late Bill Murray. (See the complete story on page 8.)



Photo by Hannah Grooms page 8.)

WORK READY COMMUNITY KICK OFF - (At left) On Tuesday, June 16, a community-invested group of business professionals, educators, and elected officials began the process to attain the goal of a Kentucky Work Ready Community in Progress Certificate for Fulton County. Dianne Owen (standing) is the chairperson for the steering committee. Members of the National Career Readiness Certificate committee include Jeanna Tucker, Eddie Crittendon, Charlotte Smith, Johnny McTurner, and Jen Coulson. (See

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bicyclists will be here
June 18 and June 19



OBITUARIES

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RAIN WATCH

June 2015 - .09 inches

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RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, June 17 - 29.9

Thursday, June 18 - 30.8

Friday, June 19 - 32.8






Saturday, June 20 - 35.2

Sunday, June 21 - 37.1



CUTE PET CONTEST - Enter your pets in The Courier's cute pet contest. See page 8 for all the details. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants we have entered!!

Your Local Weather

Thu 6/18	Fri 6/19	Sat 6/20	Sun 6/21	Mon 6/22
 92/72 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 89/72 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	 93/74 Morning thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 94/73 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 93/71 Scattered thunderstorms possible.

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
June 21, 1990

Obituaries: Abe Thompson, 90; Maxine Q. Cooper, 55; and Lionel Wiley, 77.

Hickman Police Officer Jim Eakes holds a 3-1/2 foot caiman, which belongs to a Florida resident. The Floridian had been to St. Louis to show her two caimans to the overseer of the St. Louis Zoo. In her Will, Patricia Greufe has left the two caimans to the zoo.

Bro. Perry Bracken has accepted the position as pastor at West Baptist Church in Hickman. Bro. Perry, his wife Nancy, and daughter Britney arrived June 2.

Fulton County Judge/Executive James M. Everett has been selected as on-site evaluator for the Kentucky Certified Cities Program, a statewide program aimed at enhancing economic development for Kentucky cities.

Mrs. Virginia Jones has returned home after a vacation with her daughters and granddaughters, Dorothy and Cindy Harrison, Margaret and Karen Harrington, and Patricia Ash. They went to Gatlinburg, Dollywood and other places.

50 Years Ago
June 24, 1965

In a statement released Wednesday, Gov. Edward T. Breathitt declared that the Court of Appeals assessment decision would not bring "an abrupt skyrocketing of taxes" in Fulton County "as long as I am governor."

Dr. and Mrs. Roy Winston are the proud parents of their second child, a baby boy, born June 19, at Obion County Hospital. The little guy weighed in a 6 pounds and has been named Roy Jr. He joins a sister, Autumn, 18-months-old.

The staff of the Fulton County Health Department, Harry Barry, Marian White, Rose Stewart and Jane Watts, attended a two-day district health meeting at Ken Lake Lane's Restaurant Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Attending the Southern Bell Dial Conversion Appreciation Program and Dinner at the Derby Restaurant in Fulton on Saturday night were Mayor King Davis, Judge John C. Bondurant, Representative Henry Maddox, Sheriff Joe Campbell and Mrs. and Mrs. Ro Gardner.

75 Years Ago
June 21, 1940

A school for the training of 12 local farm supervisors will be held in Hickman on June 26-27-28 under the direction of a state Farm Supervisor. The local supervisors will have about two months in the county checking the acreage of wheat, tobacco, cotton and corn on each farm with the allotments given them by the national Agricultural program.

Cotton and ticking necessary for the construction of 240 cotton mattresses have been ordered from the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in Washington to be used on the mattress project in Fulton County. The handling of the applications and the making of the mattresses will be under the supervision of Mrs. Catherine Thompson, Home Demonstration Agent.

A party of four recruiting officers from Fort Knox, Ky. signed up 12 recruits for the United States here Monday. They appeared on the streets with an armored car and started taking enlistments, which became effective immediately. The following boys left with the recruiting crew for Fort Knox Monday night from which place they will be reassigned to other stations: Lowden Scott, Rubin G. Moore, Clifford Dial, William E. Hughes, James M. Hargrove, James H. Covey, Robert C. Gray, Wayne Brawner, James McNeill, Jr., Virgil Sutton, Paul Bush, and Emmett Floyd.

Earl Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, on Dyersburg Road, reports that he has several white Leghorn hens, which began laying this week at the age of four months and four days. Ordinarily they do not lay until they are about six months old.

125 Years Ago
June 21, 1890

The engineer of the Missouri, Tennessee and Georgia Railroad have been engaged this week making the locating survey of the first six miles of the levee and railroad from Hickman toward the highlands of Madrid Bend, the survey of this much needed line will be completed and ready for the contractors by Saturday evening.

Hickman was visited by a disastrous fire Tuesday evening, the fire originating in Kingman ad Bomar's livery stable, spreading to the ice house of W.J. Barry and Co. on one side, and to the blacksmith shop of J.B. Latus and a tenant dwelling house on the other side. The loss was only partly covered by insurance.

Prices of real estate in Hickman are booming upon the prospects of new railroad and levee.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, June 5 through Thursday, June 11:

Mahendrakmar P. Shah and wife Daxa M. Shah of Fulton, Ky. to Thomas E. Rodgers and wife Susan Rodgers of Fancy Farm, Ky., property in city of Fulton, Ky., value \$56,000, June 5.

Cynthia Lopez, a/k/a Cinthia Lopez of Stockbridge, Ga. to Guadalupe Lopez of Martin, Tenn., property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$350,000, June 9.

Elizabeth Walls Johnson of Santa Barbara, Calif. to John Wesley Moore III and wife Carole Runyon Moore of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$51,000, June 9.

United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky of Louisville, Ky. to United States

of America, acting on behalf of its agency, Rural Housing Service ("RHS") a/k/a Rural Development ("RD") f/k/a Farmers Home Administration ("FmHA"); Emma Lou Love; Capital One Bank (USA) N.A.; and Ricky W. Cranford and wife Laura E. Cranford of South Fulton, Tenn., property on Fulton County, value \$26,801, June 11.

Susan I. Fitzgerald and Karl F. Ivey, Co-Executors of the Estate of Charlotte T. Ivey to Susan I. Fitzgerald; Richard I. Gerrish; and Terry I. Vawter, property in Fulton County, value \$258,000, June 11.

Susan I. Fitzgerald and Karl F. Ivey, Co-Executors of the Estate of Charlotte T. Ivey to Susan I. Fitzgerald; Karl F. Ivey; Richard I. Gerrish; and Terry I. Vawter, property in Fulton County, value \$91,000, June 11.

Levee Board

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drawing of the pending location with President Voorhees, Secretary/Treasurer Major, and Commissioner Larry Langford. This project is still in the planning stages.

The 2015-16 budget presented by Secretary/Treasurer Major was approved by the board. Total project revenue for the upcoming year is \$20,450 and the expenses reflect the same. "On average over the last few years our expenses have been averaging \$34,000," noted Secretary/Treasurer Major. "I would like to see us stay within our budget, but it is possible we will go over. We do have \$182,150 total cash available, which includes cash and cd's."

The board, which is now meeting in the Fulton County Soil Conservation District Office, scheduled their next meeting for Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Dave

Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,
We're debt-free including our home. My husband is a man of faith, but a bit of a dreamer. He has written several inspirational books that haven't sold, but he feels this and public speaking are his calling. He wants us to sell the house, and live on the proceeds for a year, while he pursues this dream. What do you think of the idea?

Christy

Dear Christy,
It sounds to me like your husband has a good heart, but I think it would be a huge mistake for you guys to sell your home when he hasn't proven that he can sell anything he writes or says. I understand where his head is at right now. He wants to help people, and that's a noble cause. But being a motivational writer and speaker can be an addictive thing. For some folks, signing books and being on stage are almost a high; they can make you feel alive. But the whole idea can draw you into the land of financial stupidity if you're not careful.

My advice would be for him to keep his day job, and work his tail off nights and weekends to try and make this dream a reality. Let's draw up an internet strategy to get some exposure for the books he has already written. He could contact local civic groups, and offer his services as a speaker for their meetings, too. In the process he might sell a few books from a table in the back of the room, and I *know* he'd get lots of valuable experience while building his name.

It may take longer than he'd like, but that's a much better idea than the one he has now. It allows him to work toward a goal and not put his family in financial danger. Then, once he's making a nice income on the side from writing and speaking engagements, you guys can look at the numbers and see if it's feasible for him to dive in on a full-time basis!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I have a debt with a collection agency and they have started calling my office. Last week, I made an agreement for monthly payments, along with an initial payment. All of a sudden, they were calling me again this morning at my office. Can I legally demand that they not call me at my place of employment?

Joelle

Dear Joelle,
Yes, you can. I'm glad you're keeping in mind that you have a legal and moral obligation to pay your debts. But collectors have rules they must follow, also. They're governed by law just like everyone else.

If they call you at work again, simply remind them of the terms of the payment agreement already in place and demand that they never call you at your office again. Also, send them a certified letter, return receipt requested, so that you'll have proof you sent the letter and they received it. In the letter, let them know that according to guidelines set forth in the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are formally demanding that they not call you at your office again.

If they call you at your office after you demand that they stop, they'll be in violation of federal law. And if that happens, let them know that you'll be talking to a lawyer and you will sue them!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.



REVIEWING TENTATIVE PLANS - On Tuesday, June 9 Fulton County Levee Board Commissioners (l to r) Larry Langford, President Doug Voorhees, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Major and David Weatherly (partially hidden) reviewed a photograph of the tentative plans to install a gas line from the city's connection point to Bunge. The plans were tentatively set by members of the Army Corps of Engineers and Bob Nichols, Engineer for the city of Hickman.

Letter to the Editor

I want to thank Jeff Shell for his articles and photos of the footbridge (and where it used to be) and of the Catlett Street steps. West Hickman was where I grew up and I don't get back there very often, so I'm glad to know the steps are still there. We lived near them and I played on them frequently. Of course I knew the bridge had gone a long time. I hope Jeff Shell saw the picture of the bridge that I sent to the Courier last year, which was

printed in the issue of January 2, 2014. The bridge was in good shape at that time (around 1946). As for the article about the rowdiness of West Hickman - that must have been way before my time. I do have a faint memory of a saloon called "The Yellow Dog" which was near the Mengel Store. Both went out of business in the 1940's, I believe. I'm glad I have only good memories of West Hickman and didn't even know it ever had a bad reputation.

I lived there from birth in 1938 until 1956, except for 2 years that we lived in Paducah.

West Hickman had nice houses, churches, grocery stores, restaurants and other businesses, and of course Tyler Grade School where we went through 6th grade. It is sad to see how things have changed, but at least I have good memories.

Peggy French
Pelham, Alabama

Fulton Countians can recoup expenses from March 3 winter storm disaster

A letter received by Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin from the Kentucky Department of Revenue explains how Fulton Countians can recoup expenses incurred during the March 3 severe winter storm disaster. The following is that letter:

"Dear Fulton County Judge Martin:

As a result of the recent authorization by President Barack Obama for Federal assistance for the fifty-seven Kentucky counties (Anderson, Bell, Bourbon, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Butler, Calloway, Carter, Casey, Clay, Daviess, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Grant, Greenup, Hancock, Harrison, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, LaRue, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Marshall, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Metcalfe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Spencer, Trigg, Washington, Webster, Whitley, and Woodford) that suffered significant damage as a result of the severe winter storm or flooding on March 3-9, 2015, the Department of Revenue requests your assistance to inform individuals, businesses and organizations in your community about legislation passed in the

2012 General Assembly to assist the victims of the storm in their rebuilding process.

Pursuant to KRS 139.519, property owners can receive a refund of Kentucky sales and use tax paid for materials purchased to repair or replace the structures damaged or destroyed in the March 2015 storms, up to \$6,000.00 for each structure. The legal property owner who incurred the damage must submit the refund claim within three years of the date of the disaster area declaration.

Once the reconstruction or replacement is completed, the property owners must submit an Application for Kentucky Disaster Relief Sales and Use Tax Refund, form 51A600. The following documentation must also be included with that application:

- The insurance claim, or documentation from FEMA, along with photographs to support building damage;
- Information Sharing Agreement, form 51A601, for each vendor from whom materials were purchased, signed by that vendor's representative; and
- Expenditure report, form 51A602, along with copies of the invoices for materials purchased. When completed, the

application and documentation needs to be mailed to the Kentucky Department of Revenue, Division of Sales and Use Tax, P.O. Box 181, Station 67, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0181.

A copy of the forms mentioned is enclosed for your information, as well as a FAQ document to address other issues related to the disaster relief refund program. These forms are also available on the Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.ky.gov/forms

The Department appreciates your assistance in sharing details about the disaster relief refund program with affected customers and businesses in Fulton County. If Department of Revenue staff can be of further assistance, please contact me via email or telephone. The Paducah Taxpayer Service Center is located at 2928 Park Avenue, Suite G in Paducah and can be reached at 270-575-7148 if immediate assistance is required. Thank you.

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State General Fund receipts decreased 1.8 percent Road Fund receipts decreased 4.1 percent

The Office of State Budget Director reported today that May's General Fund receipts fell 1.8 percent compared to May of last year, a decrease of \$14.2 million. Total revenues for the month were \$763.1 million, compared to \$777.3 million received during May 2014. Receipts have now grown 5.4 percent for the first eleven months of FY15. The enacted budget calls for 3.6 percent revenue growth for the entire fiscal year. With receipts through May, June collections can fall \$121.9 million or 12.5 percent from June 2014 receipts to meet budgeted levels.

State Budget Director Jane C. Driskell noted a small decline in May receipts was expected. She also reemphasized that the last quarter of almost every fiscal year typically contains some timing issues, especially in the income taxes, that create variability in monthly growth rates. "In April we reported General Fund revenue growth of \$193.4 million. We recognized that a portion of the April increase was probably due to an acceleration of monthly collections, so a slow-down in May was likely -- especially in the individual income tax. The individual income tax fell by 5.7

percent in May, but a combined April and May increased 17.8 percent. For the year, individual income tax receipts have grown by 9.6 percent. The strength of Kentucky's economy was demonstrated in growth of withholding, or payroll, receipts, the largest component of the individual income tax receipts. April's growth of 12.3 percent was followed by May's growth of 14.2 percent. Payroll taxes are a very good proxy for the underlying economy, so we remain confident that we will exceed the FY15 official estimate and begin FY16 with continued positive momentum."

- Among the major accounts:
- Individual income tax collections fell 5.7 percent in May due to the timing issue highlighted above. Receipts have grown 9.6 percent though the first eleven months of FY15.
 - Sales and use tax receipts increased 2.6 percent for the month and have grown 4.2 percent year-to-date.
 - Corporation income tax receipts grew by \$6.3 million and have grown 3.6 percent for the year.
 - Property tax collections decreased 10.0 percent in May

but have grown 0.4 percent year-to-date.

- Cigarette tax receipts declined

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THE FAITH THAT SAVES

Galatians 2:17, 20; 3:22

We sometimes hear, "We are not saved by faith alone," and James 2:24 is quoted triumphantly as the last and only word on the subject.

It is perfectly true that we are not saved (made right with God) by an intellectual "faith" that merely affirms "There is one God." Islam has such a faith; most cults have such faith; James says the very demons believe this, and it does them more good than it does some! They tremble at the thought of a coming judgment when they shall be sent into an everlasting hell prepared for them (Matthew 25:41).

No, mental assent to monotheism is not salvation from our old sin nature into eternal life. And James, as Scripture, is perfectly true in his writing. In fact, if we take our prepositions seriously, we are not saved by (our) faith at all! Ephesians 2:8-10 should make that clear to any reader of English, much less the even stronger Greek. "For by grace ye are being kept saved, through faith, and that (all) not of yourselves; it (salvation) is the gift of God, nor of works lest any one should boast" (Paraphrased).

Yet there is a faith that saves, and keeps.

Our older King James Bible is precise with the Greek in our three texts from Galatians: saving faith is "the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ." Almost all later translations miss this; most translate it as "faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." But if my faith in Him is the basis of my salvation, then those who want to lose their salvation are correct, for my faith may falter.

The faith that actually saves is exactly what Paul describes here, and in Romans 3:22: "the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ!" For His faith, His faithfulness, His faith-keeping, will stand firm. "Even if we believe not, He abides faithful..." (II Timothy 1:13) If I could quit believing, it would not change His word.

Does all this mean that we do not exercise faith? Far from it! "...even we have believed into Jesus..." Gal. 2:17, and the promise is to all who believe, Gal. 3:22. Yes, I believe; I believe "...He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Tim. 2:12)

R. Charles Blair, West Kentucky Baptist Association
Poplar Grove Baptist Church

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Obituaries

Frank M. Camatti

Frank M. Camatti, 70, of the town of Rome (Nekoosa, Wisc.), died June 11, 2015 at his home.

Born November 13, 1944 in Monticello, Ark., he was son the late Frank and Ouida (Barrett)

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Yard Sale: 1408 Myron Cory Dr., Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 9 a.m. – ? Lots of teen and young women's small clothes, little boys clothes and toys, knick-knacks and misc.

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Camatti. He married Jean Everett on August 14, 1971 in Hickman, Ky. Frank served in the US Army from 1967 until 1969 during the Viet Nam War. He was the recipient of two purple hearts and two bronze stars. He was employed as a paper machine superintendent for Georgia Pacific Corp. (Domtar) at both their Taylorville, Ill., and Nekoosa, divisions, retiring in 2008 after 38 years with the company. He was a lifetime member of the Taylorville VFW and was also a member of the American Legion. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan. His family was the most important aspect of his life. He loved being a husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors, in addition his wife, include three children, Aaron (Hollie) Camatti of Northport, Ala., Doug (Anna) Camatti of Navarre, Fla., and Angela (Jason) Lehman of Nekoosa, Wisc.; and six grandchildren, Connor, Ali and Gianni Camatti, Jaide and Ariana Camatti, and Noah Lehman.

An infant grandson Logan Lehman preceded him in death.

Private graveside services were held at Spring Branch Cemetery in the town of Rome.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be designated to the South Wood County Humane Society.

Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home of Nekoosa was in charge of arrangements.

Road Funds

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3.3 percent in May and have fallen 2.4 percent year-to-date.

- Coal severance tax receipts fell 17.2 percent in May and have fallen 8.2 percent through the first eight months of the fiscal year.

Road Fund receipts fell 4.1 percent in May 2015 with collections of \$126.0 million. Year-to-date collections have fallen 1.5 percent. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for a decrease in revenues of 0.9 percent for the fiscal year. Based on year-to-date tax collections, revenues must grow 5.6 percent in June to meet the estimate. The most recent internal revenue estimate predicted a Road Fund revenue shortfall of \$11.0 million for the fiscal year that ends June 30. Among the accounts, motor fuels receipts fell 16.8 percent. Motor vehicle usage revenue increased 2.6 percent, and license and privilege receipts grew 14.6 percent.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

HIT AND RUN? - On Thursday, June 11, this Republic Services dumpster on the lot of River City Liquors at the corner of Moscow Avenue and 7th Street (South 1099) was the apparent victim of an alleged hit and run. A witness said they saw an International Harvester tractor hit the dumpster, catching it and forcing it into the lane of traffic heading south on 1099. Jerney Mathews, stopped and helped push the dumpster back into place while Jeff Johnson and Hickman City Police Officer Ryan Amberg directed traffic around the scene.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Tuesday, June 9 through Monday, June 15:

Tuesday, June 9:
• Crystal Leyhue of Dresden, Tenn., white female, arrested, assault 4th.

Wednesday, June 10:

- Roger D. Douglas of Owensboro, Ky., black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear (Davies County).

Thursday, June 11:

- Timothy J. Smith of Martin, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 88/55 mph zone.

- Jennifer L. Williamson of Dukedom, Tenn., white female, citation, improper parking firelane/block traveled portion of highway.

Friday, June 12:
• Jerome Flannigan of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, contempt of court.

- Melissa Moffitt of Fulton, white female, arrested fugitive from justice warrant.

- Jordan Lane of Owensboro, white male, arrested, failure to pay 2 counts.

- Teresa L. Bailey of Hickman, black female, citation, speeding 75/55 mph zone.

- Morgan E. Lequate of Paducah, Ky., white female, arrested, failure to illuminate head lamps, failure to or improper signal, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense, possession of marijuana, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs/etc. .08 (aggravated circumstances).

Monday, June 15:
• Melissa Moffitt of Fulton, white female, citation, criminal summons.

Editor's Note: This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the Fulton County's Sheriff's Office. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Sheriff's office at 270-236-2545.

Bluff Briefs

Summer Reading Program at Hickman Public Library

The Hickman Public Library will host their annual Summer Reading Program again this year. Program events include June 5 at 3 p.m. – Every Friday at 10 a.m. – Story Hour; July 7 at 3 p.m. – Animal Tales; July 14 at 3 p.m. – Hooked on Science; July 21 at 3 p.m. – Hometown Heroes; July 28 at 3 p.m. – Library Theater and Reading Awards; July 31 at 7 p.m. – Family Movie Night. For more information call 270-236-2464.

Free Transit Vouchers for Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens of Fulton County now has free Transit vouchers available for any senior 60 years or older. Call 270-472-2900 or 270-236-2826 to see if you qualify.

Ride the Fault Line Event

The Ride the Fault Line Event will begin on Thursday afternoon, June 18. Area vendors including Smoky Bottom Boys, Broadway Pizza and the 8th of August Committee will have food available for purchase out at the Fulton County Office Building - former Army National Guard building. Everyone is welcome to come purchase food and support these organizations and meet the bicyclists that are riding in 4 states! Jay Black will be singing around 7 p.m.

Fulton County Genealogical Society to meet

The Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet on June 18 at 11:15 at the Keg Restaurant in Fulton. A buffet will be served. The cost is \$9 per person, this includes tax and a dollar tip for the waitress. It will make it much easier on the Treasurer if you pay by check. Last month's buffet was very delicious. Please call Joan at [731-479-9726] or email [jliving11@yahoo.com] by June 16th Tuesday to let her know if you are going to eat the buffet. The speaker will be Emily Adkin who writes for the Hometown Magazine. Emily is calling her topic "Tombstone Tales: How cemeteries can help in family history research." Mrs. Adkins says that she has gotten significant clues from tombstone inscriptions and a few laughs from them as well.

Visitors are welcome. Bring a friend.

Cayce Baptist to have guest speaker

Jeremy Lyell will be the guest speaker on Sunday, June 21, at 11 a.m., at Cayce Baptist Church. Jeremy, his wife and Bro. and Mrs. Byassee were in an auto accident.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, June 8 through Sunday, June 14:

Monday, June 8
• Responded to a call at City Hall.

- Animal complaint at Windward Trailer Park.

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Investigated a suspicious vehicle on Myron Cory Dr.

- Responded to a call on Marr St.

- Loud music complaint.

Tuesday, June 9

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Responded to a juvenile issue on Moulton St.

- Motor vehicle accident at the Fulton County Detention Center.

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Responded to a possible reckless driver on Bernal Ave.

- Animal complaint on 7th St. Wednesday, June 10

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Civil stand by on Terrace Dr.

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Responded to a call at Indian Hills Apts.

Thursday, June 11

- Motorist assist on 7th St.

- Followed up on a call at Indian Hills Apts.

- Assisted Tri-City EMS.

Friday, June 12

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Motorist assist on Wabash and Moulton St.

- Responded to a call at the police department.

- Assisted Tri-City EMS on Claybow Dr.

- Motor vehicle accident on Union City Hwy.

- Juvenile issue on 4th St. Saturday, June 13

- Loud music complaint on Liberty St.

- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave. Sunday, June 14

- Responded to a call at Davis Park.

- 911 Hang up on Walnut St.

- Responded to a call on Tommy Joe Dr.

- Investigated suspicious activity on Upper Catlett St.

- Civil stand by on Ivey St.

- Gas drive off at Little General.

- Assisted Fish and Wildlife in the Harbor.

- Responded to a call on 1099 Bypass.

- 911 hang up on Walnut St.

- Assisted Tri-City EMS at Dollar General.

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Energy tips while staying cool

Kentucky Living magazine, February 2015, shares their tips on room temperatures and what is recommended for each room. Some rooms in our house are too hot or too cold. What can we do to even out the room temperatures and if they will lower your utility bills are shared below in an article by James Dullely:

You don't want all your rooms at the same temperatures all the time. A range of temperatures around the clock may be more comfortable.

Many factors influence the air temperature in each room, including the length of ductwork, bends in the duct work, the home's orientation to the sun, the number of windows and exterior walls, and what's going on in a particular room. For example, if you have a large TV in a small room, that can raise the room's temperature.

According to the Department of Energy, for each degree the thermostat is set lower for an eight-hour period, heating bills can be reduced by up to 1 percent.

The most energy-efficient method to control individual room temperature is to install an automatic zone control system.

A zone control system opens and closes special duct dampers based upon the original ductwork design. Although ideally the new system would control each room independently, having just three or four zones that control groups of rooms is also adequate.

A programmable thermostat is mounted in each room or group of rooms to control the motorized duct dampers. IF the room is too warm, perhaps due to bright sunlight in the afternoon, the damper in the duct leading to that room partially closes.

Automatic zoning systems save energy because temperatures in the various rooms can be kept lower when those rooms are not in use. For example, bedrooms can be kept cool during the day, then in the evening the programmable thermostats will bring the room's temperatures to a comfortable level just before bedtime.

An energy efficiency tip shared in the June 2015 issue of Kentucky Living magazine is about ceiling fans. Ceiling fans are a great way to keep cool during summer months and can even allow you to raise your thermostat setting about four degrees without affecting your comfort.

Court Sale

Pursuant to a JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE in Civil Action No. 14-CI-00082, dated March 26, 2015, styled JAMOS FUND I, LP, PLAINTIFF vs. RICHARD L. SCARBROUGH; JERI SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD L. SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JERI SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, TENANT, OR LESSEE; REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FULTON; CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY; and SOUTHERN TAX SERVICE, LLC, DEFENDANTS, I will on **TUESDAY the 30TH day of JUNE 2015**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m.** at the north door of the Fulton County Courthouse in Hickman, Kentucky, sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate located at 115 Tenth Street, Hickman, Kentucky, to wit:

Lots nos. 15, 16, and the north half of Lot No. 17 and all lying and being in Block B as the same is shown and designated on the plat of the Industrial League Addition to the City of Hickman, a plat of which Addition being of record in Deed Book 28, Page 296, Fulton County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Richard L. Scarbrough and Jeri Scarbrough, by Deed dated January 22, 2002, of record in Deed Book 160, Page 94, in the Office of the Clerk of Fulton County, Kentucky.

This property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder and the sale shall be for cash or in the alternative, the Master will take from the purchaser ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, in cash together with bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest from the day of the sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within 30 days of the date of the sale. The real estate described cannot be divided without materially impairing the value; therefore the real estate shall be sold as a whole.

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for the tax year 2015 and all subsequent years.

This sale is to collect a judgment against the subject property and against the Defendant(s) in the principal amount of \$3,269.89, plus accrued interest at the rate of 12% per annum from April 1, 2015, until paid.

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Editorial

Jobless in Seattle, naïve in Lexington

By Jim Waters

With the wondrous Triple Crown win by American Pharaoh, what are the chances that the hardest achievement in any sport will be achieved next year as it was when Seattle Slew and Affirmed won back-to-back crowns in 1977 and 1978?

Probably better than the chance that the freight train being driven – and ridden – by populist-pandering politicians and their sheep-like followers to force business owners to pay an increased minimum wage can be stopped.

Restaurant owners get smacked especially hard by such poorly thought-out policies.

Eateries form a highly competitive industry operating on a very thin-and-crispy profit margin of 4 percent or less – something about which the Keynesian ideologues pushing Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council member Jennifer Mossotti’s proposal to raise the minimum wage in Kentucky’s second-largest city to \$10.10 seem clueless.

Mossotti brushed aside concerns expressed at a recent Lexington Forum debate that raising the minimum wage would adversely affect business – which puts her 5 ½ lengths ahead of the field in a contest for the Politicians’ Triple Crown of Naivety.

In fact, for a council member pushing a measure likely to cause economic harm to her constituents who also happen to be business owners that hire students, low-skilled refugees or retirees and workers themselves who depend on the extra income of a second or part-time job, Mossotti seems to be way in over her head – especially when it comes to the consequences of such policies.

In fact, the longer the Forum discussion went, the more naïve Mossotti appeared about the impact of her proposal on the very people she claims it will help.

After all, even some of the most ardent supporters of such government-mandated policies admit that businesses must be given time to prepare for such an increase – as evidenced by the fact that cities that have raised their minimum wage, including Louisville, often do so in steps over a period of many years.

This, of course, is in itself a blatant admission of what economically sound policymakers have always known: Increasing labor costs, which, on average, comprise 36 percent of restaurants’ earnings, always has a detrimental effect for some involved – most often those very people whom Mossotti intends to help with such an unsophisticated policy.

This is not to question Mossotti’s intentions. It’s about the very real consequences of government trying to tell business owners how to run their business and pay their employees.

It doesn’t work.

Just ask Devin Jeran, who was jubilant about the raise he received when Seattle’s mandate that Ritu Shah Burnham, owner of Z Pizza – his employer – pay him \$11 an hour beginning April 1 and \$15 by 2017.

Imagine how he felt, though, when Burnham informed him that she was going out of business in August, because, despite cutting hours, raising prices, laying off one of her 12-employee staff and not even taking a paycheck herself, she simply couldn’t afford to keep the pizza parlor open.

Devin wondered aloud to a local reporter about what happened to promises made when politicians, bureaucrats and other Keynesians assured him that forcing small businesses to pay employees more than they could afford to would make life better for workers like him.

Some collectivists who spoke at a recent Lexington council

hearing on Mossotti’s proposal suggested that Seattle folks be invited to come and share about their experiences with the city’s minimum-wage hikes.

I couldn’t agree more!

Devin could race here and tell the Lexington council what he told that reporter: “People like me are finding themselves in a tougher situation than ever.”

He’d have plenty of time to do so now that he’s jobless in Seattle.

Jim Waters is president of the Bluegrass Institute, Kentucky’s free-market think tank. Reach him at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com. Read previously published columns at www.bipps.org.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

SUNDAY VISITORS TO HICKMAN - On Sunday afternoon (l to r) Michelle Hearn of Minden, Louisiana and Doris Hearn and Peggy Jackson, both from Henderson, Tenn. toured Hickman stopping for a picture at the court house steps. This was Michelle’s and Peggy’s first visit to Hickman.

MRCTI becomes stand alone nonprofit

The Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI), a mayoral-led effort comprised of 68 River Mayors committed to creating a coordinated voice for the Mississippi River, is now an independent nonprofit. Since its inception three years ago, MRCTI has operated under the tutelage of the Northeast-Midwest Institute.

“We have reached a major milestone. As planned, we have achieved the autonomy to carry our effort forward after three years of incubation within the Northeast-Midwest Institute,” said MRCTI Co-Chair AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, said in announcing the change. “The Institute’s vision and mentorship enabled us to develop into a sustainable entity, and we thank them for their invaluable commitment to us and the River.”

“MRCTI is well-positioned to continue advocating for the Mississippi River, which is America’s original Main Street. Many exciting challenges lay ahead, and as America’s ‘elected entrepreneurs,’ we will find a way to ensure a healthy and prosperous future for our

nation’s greatest waterway,” added MRCTI Co-Chair Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque.

In preparation for this phase and to be closer to its constituents, MRCTI moved its headquarters to St. Louis from Washington, DC late last year. Colin Wellenkamp—who has been the staff leader of MRCTI since it started—will continue as executive director and will be based out of St. Louis.

MRCTI is an effort to bring national attention back to the Mississippi River—America’s most critical natural asset—and cultivate a new level of regional cooperation to make it more sustainable. As the ecological linchpin to the 37-state Mississippi River Basin, the River is responsible for creating \$200 billion worth of U.S. GDP; providing drinking water for more than 20 million; transporting 40 percent of the nation’s agricultural output; delivering nearly 400 tons of coal and petroleum products; and directly supporting one million jobs and millions more indirectly.

In the past three years, MRCTI

has been successful at uniting various stakeholders to protect and plan for the River. Victories include:

- Establishment of a Sustainable Development Fund for Cities; \$200 million in President’s FY 2016 Budget for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants;
- Preserved Drinking Water SRFs above \$2 billion;
- Re-linked conservation compliance with crop insurance premium subsidies;
- Secured a project designation within the Department of Transportation to return container movement to the Mississippi River;

Shepherded a comprehensive partnership agreement between 18 community foundations along the Mississippi River and seven World Trade Centers; and

Worked with the U.S. House and Senate to form the Mississippi River Caucus, a bi-partisan, bi-cameral Congressional group that collaborates with the Mayors in addressing issues impacting the River.

Leaders of MRCTI also urge their fellow mayors along the Mississippi River to join them for the MRCTI Annual Meeting in Dubuque, September 15-17, 2015.

MRCTI Executive Committee: Dave Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud, MN; Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO; Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI; David Lattus (Secretary), Mayor of Hickman, KY; Roy Buol (Co-Chair), Mayor of Dubuque, IA; AC Wharton (Co-Chair), Mayor of Memphis, TN; Mark Vulich (Treasurer), Mayor of Clinton, IA; Dickie Kennemore, Mayor of Osceola, AR; Tom Thompson, Mayor of Grafton, IL; Larry ‘Butch’ Brown, Mayor of Natchez, MS; Jo Anne Smiley, Mayor of Clarksville, MO; and Hyram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA



Photo by Charlotte Smith

LOOKING BACK AT THE RUNNER ON FIRST BASE- Pitcher Thorne Massey, of the Hickman Hornets, checks the runner during a recent game in Fulton. The Hickman Hornets will be playing in a tournament this Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Budget of Fulton County Levee Board July 1, 2015 — June 30, 2016	
General Fund	
Budget Summary	
Revenues	
Taxes (all categories)	\$9,240
Farm Rent	\$8,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	\$0
US Army Corps of Engineers	\$1,500
Charges for Services	\$0
Other Revenues	\$500
Interest Earned	\$1,210
Total Revenues	\$20,450
Receipts and cash	
Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year.....	\$161,700
Bonded Debt, Public Corporation & G.O.	\$0
Transfers to Other Funds	(\$0)
Transfers from Other Funds.....	\$0
Borrowed Money (all short term/single year)	\$0
Governmental Leasing Act	\$0
All Other Borrowed Money.....	\$0
Total Receipts and Cash	\$161,700
Total Available (sum of Total Receipts, Cash & Total Revenues).....	\$182,150
Appropriations	
Personnel.....	\$0
Operations	\$14,200
Administration & Reserves	\$6,250
Capital Outlay	\$0
Debt Service	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$20,450

PUBLIC NOTICE	
ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Fulton County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2015 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.	
General Fund	
5000.... GENERAL GOVERNMENT	819,736.00
5100.... PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	34,500.00
5200.... GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	63,100.00
5300.... SOCIAL SERVICES	4,800.00
6200.... AIRPORTS	3,000.00
9000.... ADMINISTRATION	715,242.00
Total General Fund	1,640,378.00
Road Fund	
5200.... GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	7,200.00
6000.... TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	5,000.00
6100.... ROADS	692,950.00
6400.... OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	63,389.00
7000.... DEBT SERVICE	20,000.00
8000.... CAPITAL PROJECTS	5,000.00
9000.... ADMINISTRATION	254,762.00
Total Road Fund.....	1,048,301.00
Jail Fund	
5100.... PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	4,304,781.00
7000.... DEBT SERVICE.....	508,000.00
8000.... CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,300,000.00
9000.... ADMINISTRATION	1,304,676.00
Total Jail Fund.....	9,417,457.00
LGEA Fund	
6100.... ROADS.....	500.00
Total LGEA Fund	500.00
Federal Grants Fund	
5000.... GENERAL GOVERNMENT	25,000.00
5100.... PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	109,000.00
8000.... CAPITAL PROJECTS	40,086.00
Total Federal Grants Fund	174,086.00
DES Fund	
5100.... PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	16,458.00
9000.... ADMINISTRATION	295.00
Total DES Fund.....	16,753.00
Adopted by the Fulton County Fiscal Court this the 15 day of June, 2015.	
Jim Martin County Judge/Executive	
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY	
All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.	

1ST CONTESTED ELECTION IN HISTORY OF HFRECC BARRY (JOE) JACKSON SUPPORTED BY CROC MEMBERS IS RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

My name is Barry (Joe) Jackson. In the next few paragraphs, I will explain why it is important for you to elect me as your board member. I really should not have a rat in this race. A few years ago, I installed solar at my home, which leaves me with a low, to no, electric bill each month. I am an electrical contractor and enter many homes in the community with elderly on fixed incomes and young people working two jobs who fight to pay these high rates that HFRECC charges.

After many conversations and being told, “I guess there is nothing we can do,” I decided it was time to make a difference, so I began CROC (Changing Results of Our Cooperative). This is after dealing with CEO Grissom and the board, and all I could get from them was a bunch of “crock.” We have many CROC members who believe as I do and support my efforts.

With Grissom gone, only half the problem with HFRECC is solved with the other half being the board of directors. CROC will continue to try to remove board members by letting people know what is going on in our co-op. It is truly in the best interest of owner-members to remove them. Some have been on the board for as long as 31 years.

We have a chance to remove one this year, one next year and two the next. I case you didn’t know, we have the highest cooperative electric rates. And if you read your Kentucky Living this month, you better be preparing for even higher rates. The board has lost sight of what co-op was set up for, to keep our rates low, not make all these big fancy trips – thousands and thousands of dollars – at the very best hotels. And you never hear why they went and how it’s going to benefit owner/members. CROC believes the board has not put the owner-members first in their decision-making.

(1) Inflated Salaries: **HFRECC – Grissom – \$146,355 – 2,700 (Really?) members; WKRECC – Smart \$187,578 – 38,000 members; GEMC – Rodamaker – \$254,508 – 35,000 members**

(2) Also writing policies to stop owner/members from attending public meetings by only allowing five owner/members to attend meetings. I guess they will lock the doors to keep us out. Stupidity at its finest.

They have made one good decision – Making Debbie Weatherford interim. She is very capable of running HFRECC and has been for years. Her present salary is around \$95,000. After CROC asked the board to mail out ballots so all members could have a say about voting for directors, it was denied by board members, so anyone working 2nd shift or homebound who are owner/members of HFRECC could not have a say. But you can have a say by letting a member who is attending vote by proxy for you. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and would like to cast your vote, feel free to call these numbers and someone from CROC will be more than happy to collect your proxy. It’s a form that just needs your signature, and it’s only good for the annual meeting.

Last thought, there’s no need to get in a hurry to merge with GEMC. They will always want HFRECC because 90% of our infrastructure has been rebuilt because of the ice storm, and they are after the million dollar fiber optics HFRECC ran from Woodland to Clinton, which could be a real financial asset in coming years. And if we merge, as of now, all the board members will join the GEMC board. While you’re at the HFRECC Annual Meeting, ask your board of directors why they have allowed 4-wheelers, antique trucks, SUVs, a boat and dune buggies to be stored and worked on in the Hickman warehouse that we just had to have, and you can ask me to see the pictures.

**Show up and vote at Hickman County Elementary School Tuesday, June 23
JOIN CROC, VOTE FOR JACKSON DISTRICT 4 – STOP THE MADNESS!
270-627-4551 or 270-838-9021
You Can Shut Us Out – But You Can’t Shut Us Up!**

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Celebrating our 11th Year...Come See Your

FULTON RAILROADERS

Thursday, June 18 vs. Owensboro; Saturday, June 20 vs. Dubois County
ALL at 7:05 p.m. at Fulton's Lohaus Field



Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Indiana is a basketball state. Kentucky isn't. Hard to swallow isn't it, living this side of the Ohio River?

The Hoosier high school all-star boys swept another pair from its Kentucky *Kousins* last weekend. Is 13 in a row and 92nd in 134 games dating to 1939. Last time Kentucky won a game in this series, the U.S. government was freezing Osama bin Laden's bank accounts.

Once upon a time Indiana-Kentucky matched was a mid-summer classic, clash of titans in America's heartland of hoops where kids dreamed to make the team. *Basketball states* is now singular.

Today, Indiana is still passionate about basketball, but all-star high school hoops in Kentucky has meandered down to a yawn, shrug, given way to pay-to-play summer camp. "I gotta be thinking about my NBA future," and video gaming in the shade.

Traveling by car across the Bluegrass State's 120 counties, I see a plentiful number of outdoor basketball goals but difference is, kids aren't using them, even ball goals with fresh nets.

To further the Kentucky-is-no-basketball-state argument, these sets of numbers.

✓ Eight-hundred-thirty-four. In all the Commonwealth this was the reported attendance for last Saturday's all-star game at Transylvania University. 834 tickets sold.

✓ Two. Jersey No. 1 for the first time in my memory. Mr. Basketball for both states were no shows. Vanderbilt-bound Camron Justice and Caleb Swanigan (Purdue).

In 59 years of Mr. Basketball, here's a first: A compliance office spokesman at Vanderbilt dictated Camron Justice couldn't play. He "is now considered a college athlete."

✓ And One. Kentucky's best big man and Louisville signee Raymond Spaulding didn't bother. Practice and games, a no show. Apparently he "now belongs to University of Louisville."

Changing times. Probably time for Indiana to file for divorce. Take it's dedicated all-stars and series to Ohio or Illinois. Kentucky high schools' best making the team, representing the state, is not important.

On our side of the Ohio, on another level, a flicker of irony.

With enthusiasm for future gone tepid, preserving the past becomes a new option – a basketball museum.

Ground-breaking and plans for a hoops museum located in Elizabethtown was announced in early June by Association of Basketball Coaches.

Geographically is sound, and downtown (with convenient parking) makes perfect a museum for fans to appreciate what has gone before – players and personalities and places, will project images of times when basketball was still a magical dream game in Kentucky.

With another historical fact in mind, I hope the museum in E'town enjoys a more sustained run of popularity than the once hot item one linked to University of Kentucky. Fan interest even

around tradition-rich UK didn't last.

Today, given the abject decline of interest in the Kentucky-Indiana summer series, I hope officials have ever developing ideas to maintain interest for fan visits to E'town.

Maybe it will re-ignite a surge of pride on this side of the Ohio to lift Kentucky back to a place equal to Indiana again as a Basketball State.

RICK PITINO 'PLANS'

Something comical seeing a 62-year-old ball coach discuss a contract extension intended to assure he will be screaming at 19-year-olds another decade-plus, until age 73.

Rick Pitino discussed his new deal with University of Louisville last week and even the idea of a press conference brought to mind Woody Allen's expression: "Wanna make God laugh? Tell Him(Her) your plans for tomorrow."

With grinnin' Tom Jurich at his left, who apparently believes he will live forever also, and God on Pitino's other side, Da Coach plans to stay on the job through the 2026.

This was gold for us if not for the Pitino at Minnesota: "... never thought at 62 I would be more passionate than 22 or 32, and I am. I just really, really love it."

Admirable and good motivation for us, Pitino's sustained joy and passion for his work after 30 years-plus, coaching at five universities and new plans to stay for 11 more.

God must be smiling ... for now.

VILLAINS IN SPORTS?

Headline at internet site Bleacher Buzz, June 12: Biggest villains in sports today.

First 10, column-writer Laura Depta says: Sepp Blatter (FIFA), Roger Goodell (NFL), Alex Rodriguez (Yankees), Floyd Mayweather (boxer), Skip Bayless, Bill Belichick (coach), Tom Brady (Patriots), John Calipari (Kentucky), Dwight Howard (NBA), and Dan Snyder (NFL owner)

"... Calipari is one of those ongoing sports villains," Depta writes. "This is likely, in part, because of the success he has enjoyed as the poster coach for one-and-done recruits. In April, seven players from his Final Four team declared for the NBA draft."

"Calipari has been known to make some arrogant statements now and again, as well, often rubbing people the wrong way."

OLD MADE NEW?

An age thing, I suppose. Being here long enough, we are certain to witness old ideas recycled, made new again. This week, sports writer Samuel Goldman at Hardwood Nation compared Kentucky basketball to the New York Yankees.

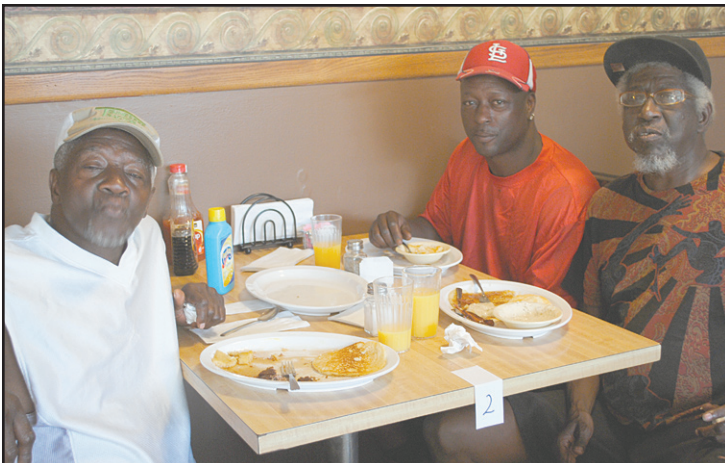
Gosh, I thought, Goldman must be 12-years-old. That premise was not even new when 66-year-old Mike Pratt was Mr. Bank shot at Kentucky.

You can read Goldman's 531-word old-made-new notion on the internet.

And so it goes.

You can reach me at bob. Watkins24@aol.com

Chamber pancake breakfast well attended



COMPLIMENTS TO THE COOK - Hickman Chamber pancake breakfast participants (l to r) Jerry Nall, Freddie Mays, and Robert Nall enjoyed their breakfast on Saturday.



SERVING THE CUSTOMERS - Linda Strong, a member of the Chamber board, talks with pancake breakfast attendee Nancy Kunselman with Babydoll Yarbrow and Doris Lattus (partially hidden), in the background.

New specialty license plate highlights benefits of outdoor recreation

"Let's Go Outside" plate promotes health and environmental appreciation

A new license plate will give drivers the opportunity to show their support for the health and well-being of Kentuckians and their environment. First Lady Jane Beshear today unveiled the specialty "Let's Go Outside" plate that will promote the health and environmental benefits of outdoor recreation.

"Kentucky has one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the nation," said Mrs. Beshear. "One step to improve the health of our children is to encourage active outdoor play. Being outside will help connect children to the environment, teach them about the earth and the way they impact it, and help them preserve it for future generations."

Proceeds from the specialty plate will support the work of the Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC) including coordinating the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools program and certifying professional environmental educators.

"Kentuckians have said in surveys that children not spending enough time outside is a major

concern," said KEEC Executive Director Elizabeth Schmitz. "One of our goals is to encourage children to embrace the outdoors and to teach them the importance of a clean environment for our health and preservation. Do you remember the freedom, creativity, and fun experienced in your childhood during outdoor play with friends and neighbors?" she asked. "Let's go back to our roots by encouraging today's children to have similar experiences and to gain the sense of community created by those shared memories."

The Kentucky Environmental Education Council needs 900 applications, each accompanied by a \$25 donation, before the plate will be made available to the public. The 900 applications will exhibit the broad public support for this new license plate and will raise the funds necessary to put the plate into production.

A rendering of the license plate design and a link to download the application are available at www.keec.ky.gov/LetsGoOutside. Submitting the application does not obligate you to purchase the plate, but your donation will be credited toward the purchase of a plate once they are in production.



ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION

Saturday, July 11th 2015 @ 10:00 AM
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30+/- TILLABLE ACRES! TIMBER VALUED AT \$312,500.00!

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ORDER UP - Mike Hartigan (left) and Michelle Hartigan (right) give their breakfast order to Phyllis Bryant, a member of the chamber board on Saturday at MeMaw's during the annual pancake breakfast.



EATING AND WORKING - Paul Henderson and his great-grandson Bentley Greer were at the Chamber Pancake breakfast; while Alexis Edgin (above) was there to work and help out.

Proposal to City

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scheduled road blocks and routine traffic stops, the purchase of the sticker could be verified. This increase would generate an additional \$6,750 bringing the total revenue to \$20,250.

• Increase the current insurance tax by 2%. This increase would bring the tax from 3% to 5% and bring in an additional \$50,000, for a new total of \$124,800.

• Increase the water/sewerage \$2 per month, the gas by \$1 per month, and the trash collection by \$0.50 per month. These combined would generate an additional \$45,240.

• Adopt a beer, wine, and alcohol tax of 2%. This tax would bring us more in line with surrounding cities. According to the sales figures from the state, this would generate a conservative figure of approximately \$10,000. "These alternative ideas in total would generate approximately

\$149,490. The amount the commission was prepared to raise by increasing the payroll tax was \$90,000," continued Elder's letter. "If these ideas were adopted in part or in all, maybe the raise in the payroll tax would be unnecessary."

The goal with the formation of this committee was to look for alternative ways to bring much needed dollars to Hickman. "We would like to see the burden of taxes and fees spread across more of the citizens of Hickman," added Elder. "If more citizens could participate, there might be a greater feeling of ownership among the citizens and a deeper sense of pride in our community. It is our hope that you will thoughtfully consider this proposal."

A meeting date and time was not set before press time on Tuesday afternoon.



DISCUSSING THE PROPOSAL - On Tuesday, June 16 Hickman City Manager Johnny McTurner discussed the proposal submitted by Heather Elder, chairperson of the Alternative Budget Study Group in lieu of a payroll tax increase. McTurner agreed to share the proposal with the Mayor and Commission.

EDP board extends Director Crittendon's contract

By Daniel Richardson
Eddie Crittendon, executive director for Fulton and Hickman Counties Economic Development Partnership (FHCEDP), will stay on for at least two more years, as the organization's board of directors approved an extension to Crittendon's contract through June 30, 2017. The unanimous decision to extend the director's contract was made at a special called meeting of the board on Wednesday, June 10, and is based on the organization's good

performance under Crittendon's guidance, according to board members.

"When you look at the success we've had compared to that of other areas, he's done a good job," Greg Pruitt, chairman of the FHCEDP Board of Directors, said about the extension.

As part of the contract extension, Crittendon, now in his eighth year as executive director of FHCEDP, will receive an

See FHCEDP CONTRACT, page 8



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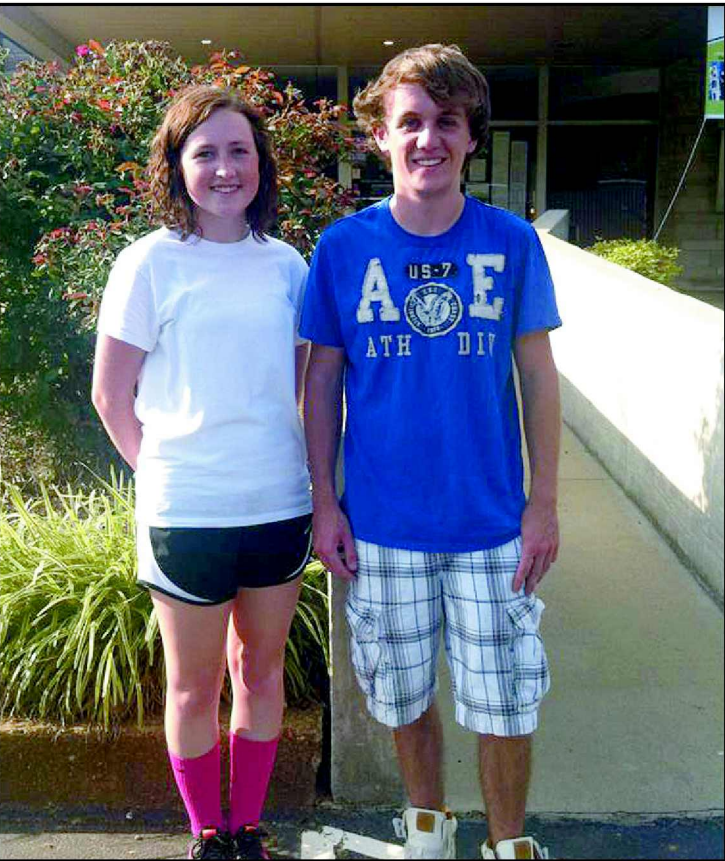
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TOURING DC - Touring Washington DC last week were Megan Vowell (left) and Drake Whitten. Vowell and Whitten embarked on their trip last Thursday. The two were chosen to tour Washington DC by Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC. They represented FCHS. (Photo courtesy of Brandy Whitten.)

FHCEDP Contract

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increase in salary to \$70,000 annually. The contract also includes a \$400 per month transportation allowance and medical insurance allowance. Pruitt said that FHCEDP cannot directly pay toward Crittendon's health insurance, since he is technically a contractor providing management services to the organization, not an employee of it, but the organization can pay an allowance to go toward health insurance. Pruitt said that even with the pay increase, Crittendon is the lowest paid economic development professional in the area.

During the meeting, the board went into closed session to discuss the Dura property on College St. in Fulton. Crittendon updated the board on two companies that are interested in the site. The building

is owned by the Fulton Industrial Development Authority (FIDA), one of the organizations that make up the two-county partnership. Other organizations that contribute directly to the partnership include the Hickman Industrial Development Authority (HIDA), Hickman County Economic Development Authority, Inc. (HCEDA), Fulton County Fiscal Court, and Hickman Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (HFRECC).

Board members present for Wednesday's meeting included Chairman Greg Pruitt, Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin, Dale Vowell, Chris Rodgers, Garrett Hutchins, James Coffey, Debbie Weatherford, Dan Voegeli, and Robert Burrow.



CITY TRUCK VANDALIZED - On Sunday night, June 7 a truck owned by the City of Hickman was vandalized. Large rocks were thrown at the truck denting the hood and breaking the windshield.



WORKING IN HICKMAN - On Tuesday morning, June 16 Hickman Public Works Director Mike Hartigan (far right) and Danny Pruitt (for left) and a jail work crew were searching for water and gas valves in and around the city to later GPS them.

Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Hickman County Elementary School
Clinton, KY
Registration: 4:00 p.m.
Business meeting: 6:00 p.m.

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- Free Meal for Members
- Door Prizes
- Gifts for Children
- Exhibit Booths



4-H CAMPERS HAVING FUN IN THE SUN THIS WEEK - 4-H campers and counselors from Fulton County who are at 4-H camp this week include (in no particular order): counselors: Alex Barnett, Quinn Nolan, Aaron King, and Zaria Ervin; and campers: Charmaine Buntyn, DeOnna Harper, Ca'Tya McManus, Trinity Pirtle, Amyia Sanders, Braelyn Walker, Arieanna Warren, Taniah Wilson, Allen Dapheus, Joshua "Josh" Cole, Kendrick Couch, Ian Lucy, Connor O'Malley, Christian Sproul, Christopher "CJ" Smith, Jakabion "Lamarious" Stray, Mario Turner, Brennen, Walker, Ru'Marriez "Rez" Westbrook, and Travon Westbrook.

Bill Murray is latest Paul Harris recipient

Charlotte Smith
Editor

The late Bill Murray was recognized by the Hickman Rotary Club, as the fourteenth member of the club to be named a Paul Harris Fellow. His wife, Yvetta Murray, brother John Murray and friend Jimmy Lane, were present on Thursday, June 11 for the surprise announcement with Yvetta receiving a certificate and Paul Harris pin. Hickman Rotarian Terry Narr, a past president of the club and a Paul Harris Fellow, did the honors.

Rotarian Murray joined the Hickman Rotary Club in 2000, serving as the club's president in 2006-2007. His life exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," as evidenced by his many contributions to the Hickman Rotary club and to the

community.

Among his services were the following:

- Serving in Vietnam and being a proud veteran and longstanding supporter of the American Legion
- Organizing and overseeing the Hickman Rotary baseball program for several years, as well as being a regular at the grill and the concession stand during the ball games
- Helping to change and improve the lives of high school freshmen over the last four or five years by volunteering to take them to and from the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, all the while encouraging them to do their best and have fun.
- Volunteering for a multitude of other Rotary related activities



The late Bill Murray and Yvetta Murray

pulled us through the mud to get us where we needed to go. He was one of the most dependable and dedicated Rotarians we have had, and we were lucky to have him in the Hickman Rotary Club."

The Paul Harris Fellowships is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago, Ill., in 1905. The fellowship was established in Harris' honor in 1957 to acknowledge contributions of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation of building understanding and peace.

The life-saving and life-enhancing activities of the Rotary organization are funded, implemented, and managed by Rotarians around the globe. And last week another step was taken to a more peaceful world with Murray's recognition as Hickman's newest Paul Harris Fellow inductee.

The certificate presented by Yvetta states "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world."

Work Ready Community committees begin planning

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Fulton County moved one step closer on Tuesday afternoon in its commitment to become a Kentucky Work Ready Community in Progress. Chairman Dianne Owen has assembled a group of individuals with a vested commitment to the betterment of Fulton County. Committee members met at the Fulton County Office Building, formerly the National Guard Armory, to begin planning and strategizing with the ultimate goal of submitting paperwork to receive this vital certification for the county.

"This is what it takes to be a work ready community," stated committee member Aaron Collins. "All of us coming to the table for our kids and our community so we can have economic growth."

"It's about perception," added MaryAnne Medlock. "We you drive through your community what do you see? Do you see what was yesterday or do you see what is tomorrow."

The committees formed include: Graduation Rate, National Career Readiness Certificate, Digital Literacy, Soft Skills, Supplemental Criteria, Community Commitment, and Educational Attainment.

ranging from Habitat for Humanity projects to cooking hams, handing out dictionaries to third graders, passing out school supplies, and helping at the Rotary 5K River Rat Race and many other community events.

• And finally - enthusiastically participating in our Rotary meetings, many times saying the opening prayer, and then making sure everyone was clear on the order for getting in line for the afternoon meal by saying the line that all miss - "Ladies, guests, and ME!"

"As one of our members put it Bill was a motor that ran without missing," stated Narr. "He may have been a little rusty around the edges but his strong motor

Hickman Courier's

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